

Unit

Period Covered (From - To)

Signature of Commanding Officer or authorized representative

Date Forwarded _____

W. R. O'CONNELL

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PART 1 - ALL UNITS

2. Commanding Officer

W. R. O'CONNELL

C.O. relieved if command changed this period

N/A

Date of change

N/A

3. PERSONNEL ON BOARD

OFFICER

AVIATORS

AIR PILOTS

OTHER

TOTAL

15

ENLISTED

261

261

CIVILIAN

1

7

4. Mission or function (If changed or specifically assigned during the period, then enter a brief with dates and identity of authorizing directive.)

All-Weather Intercept
Data-Link

5. Next senior operational command (Give start and end dates if changed during this reporting period.)

Attack Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN

6. GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION: (Air Stations omit; ships enter in Part II. Wings and groups should not record squadron locations; ship-based units give name of ship only. Enter beginning and end dates when part of period is involved.)

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7. *Participation in special exercises, operations, and operational tests* (Principally those of a major nature rather than what is normally a part of routine operational training. Use official code names or descriptive titles, identify the overall command, and give dates, area and brief summary of own participation. Make reference to reports and orders covering the operation.)

Operational Readiness Inspection 27 October 1965 - 4 November 1965 -- Third place in the air wing, fourth place overall shipboard.

Oct 65 - Mar 66

8. Official or other recognition of accomplishment - (Such as unit citations, commendations and awards; decorations and awards to individuals, and records or events believed to be "firsts" which may be fleet-wide or apply only within the unit. Give dates of awards and events; claims for "firsts" are meaningless without a date.)

- 12 February 1966 - (1) Silver Star in lieu of 6th Air Medal presented to CDR W. R. O'CONNELL, Commanding Officer VF-213 by RADM J. R. REEDY, CTF-77.
(2) Gold Star in lieu of 4th Air Medal presented to CDR J. H. WILSON, Executive Officer VF-213 by RADM J. R. REEDY, CTF-77.
(3) Air Medal (First Award) presented to 22 Officers of VF-213 by RADM J. R. REEDY, CTF-77.
- 31 March 1966 - (1) Gold Star in lieu of 7th Air Medal presented to CDR W. R. O'CONNELL, Commanding Officer VF-213 and Gold Star in lieu of 5th Air Medal presented to CDR J. H. WILSON, Executive Officer VF-213 by RADM J. R. REEDY, CTF-77.
(2) Gold Star in lieu of 2nd Air Medal to 26 Officers of VF-213 by RADM J. R. REEDY, CTF-77.
(3) Navy Commendation Medal presented to LCDR (b) (6) and LTJG (b) (6) Officers of VF-213 by RADM J. R. REEDY, CTF-77.

9. General resume of activity - (Narrative statement of activity not otherwise covered, summarizing work, training, special cruises and visits, conversion, modification, overhaul, new equipment, and the like. Air Stations consider, in addition, such things as reorganization, new operational administrative and management procedures introduced; special programs initiated or completed, construction in progress, expansion of facilities, etc. Use additional sheets as necessary. Documents appended should be identified in Part VI, page 4.)

During the major portion of this period, Fighter Squadron TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN was embarked in USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63) and engaged in combat operations in SEASIA as a unit of Task Force 77. KITTY HAWK deployed from San Diego on 19 October 1965 and launched her first combat sorties on 26 November 1965. From that date through 31 March 1966, the BLACK LIONS of Fighter Squadron TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN flew 1304 combat sorties in North and South Vietnam. In addition to their usual role as Combat Air Patrol and Escort Fighters, the squadron's F4 PHANTOM II's performed a large proportion of their sorties in air-to-ground attack missions, employing bombs, rockets, and napalm against enemy ground forces.

Foreign port visits during this period included: Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines (22-24 NOV 65, 6-10 FEB 66, and 17-29 MAR 66); Yokosuka, Japan (27 DEC - 9 JAN 66); and Hong Kong, B.C.C. (12-15 FEB 66).

Encl (4)

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1 OCT 65 - 31 MAR 66

1. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION: Daily location positions not required. Note dates in and out of U.S. ports and general operating area in between as: Mediterranean, Caribbean, Hawaiian, West Pac, etc. For daily or frequent operations out of one port, use the term "Operating out of".

2. AIR UNITS ON BOARD OR TENDED (Omit component squadrons when an Air Group is on board.)

Aviation fuel consumed	
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6. Catapult launchings

N/A

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PART IV - SQUADRONS

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1. TYPE A/C ASSIGNED	NUMBER ON HAND	DATE FIRST RECEIVED				
F4G	9	19 February 1964				
F4B	3	3 September 1964				
2. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS	MONTH	HOURS FLOWN	NO. OF FLIGHTS	MONTH	HOURS FLOWN	NO. OF FLIGHTS
	October 1965	302	176	January 66	484	321
	November 65	376	236	February 66	528	329
	December 65	551	346	March 66	542	354

PART V - AIR STATIONS: On board refers in this instance to what is physically present; not to be confused with Home Port assignment. Do not repeat units reported as on board in the previous period unless they departed in this period. For composite units such as Carrier Air Groups, record only the parent group.

1. UNITS ON BOARD		ARRIVED	DEPARTED
N/A			
2. COMMANDS AND ACTIVITIES ON BOARD		ARRIVED	DEPARTED
N/A			

PART VI - DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL APPENDED (Number serially and describe sufficiently to insure proper identification.)

NONE